

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
District of South Carolina

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

vs.

GERALD E. ROBERTSCase Number: **4:12CR00902-RBH (1)**USM Number: 24756-171MICHAEL MEETZE, AFPD

Defendant's Attorney

THE DEFENDANT:

- pleaded guilty to count one (1) on February 25, 2013.
- pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) _____ which was accepted by the court.
- was found guilty on count(s) ___after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

<u>Title & Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Offense Ended</u>	<u>Count</u>
18:2252A(a)(1)	Please see indictment	08/05/12	1

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 6 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) _____.
- Count two (2) ■ is are dismissed on the motion of the United States.
- Forfeiture provision is hereby dismissed on motion of the United States Attorney.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of any material changes in economic circumstances.

January 7, 2014
 Date of Imposition of Judgment

s/ R. Bryan Harwell
 Signature of Judge

Hon. R. Bryan Harwell, U.S. District Judge
 Name and Title of Judge

January 9, 2014
 Date

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IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of three hundred twenty-seven (327) months. This term consists of 240 months as to Count 1, Docket No. 4:12CR00902 and 327 months as to Count 1, Docket No. 4:13CR00053, to be served concurrently. Total aggregate Sentence: 327 months.

- The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons: 1. Defendant serve his sentence at a facility as close as possible to Horry County, S.C., preferably Williamsburg, S.C. or Bennettsville, S.C., facility. 2. Defendant be allowed to participate in any drug counseling or rehabilitative programs available with Bureau of Prisons.
- The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.
- The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:
 - at _____ a.m. p.m. on _____
 - as notified by the United States Marshal.
- The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:
 - before 2 p.m. on _____
 - as notified by the United States Marshal.
 - as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

RETURN

I have executed this Judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____
at _____, with a certified copy of this judgment.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By _____
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of LIFE as to Count 1, Docket No. 4:12CR00902 and LIFE as to Count 1, Docket No. 4:13CR00053, all such terms to run concurrently.

While on supervised release, the defendant shall comply with the mandatory and standard conditions of supervision outlined in 18 U.S.C. 3583(d) and the following special conditions: (See page 4)

The defendant must report to the probation office in the district to which the defendant is released within 72 hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.

The defendant shall not commit another federal, state or local crime.

The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.

- The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse. (*Check, if applicable.*)
- The defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon. (*Check, if applicable.*)
- The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. (*Check, if applicable.*)
- The defendant shall comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (42 U.S.C. § 16901, *et seq.*) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in which he or she resides, works, is a student, or was convicted of a qualifying offense. (*Check, if applicable.*)
- The defendant shall participate in an approved program for domestic violence. (*Check, if applicable.*)

If this judgment imposes a fine or restitution, it is a condition of supervised release that the defendant pay in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of this judgment.

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as any additional conditions on the attached page.

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

- 1) the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer;
- 2) the defendant shall report to the probation officer in a manner and frequency directed by the court or probation officer;
- 3) the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;
- 4) the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
- 5) the defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation, unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons;
- 6) the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least ten days prior to any change in residence or employment;
- 7) the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled substance or any paraphernalia related to any controlled substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
- 8) the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;
- 9) the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony, unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
- 10) the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view by the probation officer;
- 11) the defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
- 12) the defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court; and
- 13) as directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. The defendant shall participate in a sex offender treatment program, as approved by the U.S. Probation Office. The defendant shall contribute to the costs of such treatment not to exceed an amount determined reasonable by the court approved "U.S. Probation Office's Sliding Scale for Services", and shall cooperate in securing any applicable third-party payment, such as insurance or Medicaid.
2. The defendant shall participate in a mental health treatment program as approved by the U.S. Probation Officer, until such time as the defendant is released from the program by the U.S. Probation Officer. The defendant shall contribute to the costs of such treatment not to exceed an amount determined reasonable by the court approved "U.S. Probation Office's Sliding Scale for Services", and shall cooperate in securing any applicable third-party payment, such as insurance or Medicaid.
3. The defendant shall register with the state sex offender registration agency in the state where the defendant resides, works, or is a student, as directed by the U.S. Probation Office.
4. The defendant shall submit to random polygraph examinations as part of their sex offender treatment as directed by the U.S. Probation Office. The defendant shall contribute to the costs of the polygraph examinations not to exceed an amount determined reasonable pursuant to the U.S. Probation Office's Sliding Scale for Services. These payments shall be made in addition to co-payments for sex offender treatment.
5. The defendant shall not possess, procure, purchase or otherwise obtain access to any form of computer network, bulletin board, internet or exchange format involving computers unless specifically approved by the U.S. Probation Office.
6. The defendant shall not possess any audio or visual depictions containing sexually explicit conduct as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2)(A).
7. The defendant shall satisfactorily participate in a substance abuse treatment program, to include drug testing, as approved by the U.S. Probation Office. The defendant shall contribute to the costs of such treatment not to exceed an amount determined reasonable by the court approved "U.S. Probation Office's Sliding Scale for Services", and shall cooperate in securing any applicable third-party payment, such as insurance or Medicaid.
8. The defendant shall have no contact with children under the age 18, without the approval and consent of the Court or the U.S. Probation Office.
9. The defendant shall have no contact with the victims or the victim's family, including letters, communication devices, audio or visual devices, visits or any contact through a third party.
10. The defendant shall not be in any area in which persons under the age of 18 are likely to congregate, such as school grounds, child care centers or playgrounds, without the permission of the probation officer.

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CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant shall pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 5.

<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Restitution</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>

- The determination of restitution is deferred until _____. An Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case(AO245C) will be entered after such determination.
- The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

<u>Name of Payee</u>	<u>Total Loss*</u>	<u>Restitution Ordered</u>	<u>Priority or Percentage</u>
Ashcroft, Sutton, Ratcliffe Attn: John Ratcliffe	<u>\$5000.00</u>	<u>\$5000.00</u>	
TOTALS	<u>\$5000.00</u>	<u>\$5000.00</u>	

- Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ _____
- The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 5 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3612(g).
- The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:
- The interest requirement is waived for the fine restitution.
 - The interest requirement for the fine restitution is modified as follows:

**Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A Lump sum payment of \$100.00 (special assessment) and \$5000.00 (restitution) due immediately, balance due
 - not later than _____, or
 - in accordance with C, D, or E, or F below; or
- B Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with C, D, or F below); or
- C Payment in equal _____ (weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$_____ over a period of _____ (e.g., months or years), to commence _____ (*30 or 60 days*) after the date of this judgment; or
- D Any unpaid restitution payment in monthly installments of not less than \$100.00 to commence *30 days* after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

- Joint and Several

Defendant and Co-Defendant Names and Case Numbers (*including defendant number*), Total Amount, Joint and Several Amount, and corresponding payee, if appropriate.

- The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
- The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):
- The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:

As directed in the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, filed April 11, 2013 and the said order is incorporated herein as part of this judgment.

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) fine interest, (6) community restitution, (7) penalties, and (8) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
FLORENCE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) CRIMINAL NO. 4:12CR00902-RBH
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GERALD E. ROBERTS)

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE
AS TO GERALD E. ROBERTS

1. On November 27, 2012, a federal grand jury in this district returned a two-count Indictment charging the Defendant, Gerald E. Roberts ("Roberts", "Defendant"), with distribution of child pornography, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(1).
2. The Indictment provided that upon Roberts' conviction, certain property enumerated therein, or equivalent substitute assets, would be subject to forfeiture to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2253. The forfeitable property is identified as follows:

Computer Equipment

1. eMachines desktop computer
S/N CCA65I0000093
Asset ID: 13-ICE-000561
2. HP Pavilion desktop computer
S/N CNC4430HSH
Asset ID: 13-ICE-000561

3. Seagate external hard drive
S/N 2GETARMV
Asset ID: 13-ICE-000561
4. 10 USB thumb drives
Asset ID: 13-ICE-000561
5. 162 DVD's and CD's
Asset ID: 13-ICE-000561
6. 2 memory cards
Asset ID: 13-ICE-000561
7. Nokia cell phone
Asset ID: 13-ICE-000561
8. Eclipse media player
Asset ID: 13-ICE-000561

3. On February 25, 2013, Roberts pled guilty to count one of the indictment.

4. Based upon Roberts' conviction and other matters appearing in the record, the court has determined that the below-described property is subject to forfeiture, in that Roberts did knowingly transport and ship in interstate commerce, by computer, child pornography, that is, images of persons under the age of 18 engaging in sexually explicit conduct. The court finds that Roberts has an interest in such property, and that the property is subject to forfeiture to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2253.

5. The court has further determined that the government has established the requisite nexus between the said property subject to forfeiture and the offense for which Roberts has been convicted; therefore, pursuant to 18

U.S.C. § 2253, the property shall be forfeited to the United States, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n) governing third party rights.

6. The court further finds that the United States is entitled to a judgment of forfeiture and possession of the property pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. All right, title and interest of the Defendant, Gerald E. Roberts, in and to the following property, is hereby forfeited to the United States of America for disposition in accordance with law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n):

Computer Equipment

1. eMachines desktop computer
S/N CCA6510000093
Asset ID: 13-ICE-000561
2. HP Pavilion desktop computer
S/N CNC4430HSH
Asset ID: 13-ICE-000561
3. Seagate external hard drive
S/N 2GETARMV
Asset ID: 13-ICE-000561
4. 10 USB thumb drives
Asset ID: 13-ICE-000561
5. 162 DVD's and CD's
Asset ID: 13-ICE-000561
6. 2 memory cards
Asset ID: 13-ICE-000561

7. Nokia cell phone
Asset ID: 13-ICE-000561

8. Eclipse media player
Asset ID: 13-ICE-000561

2. Upon entry, this order becomes final as to Roberts, and shall be made a part of his sentence and included in the criminal judgment;

3. The United States shall publish notice of this Order and its intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide written notice to any person known to have an alleged interest in the said property;

4. Upon entry of this Order, the United States Homeland Security Investigations or their designee is authorized to seize the above-described forfeited property as directed by the United States Attorney's Office and to commence proceedings that comply with statutes governing third party rights;

5. Any person, other than the named Defendant, asserting a legal interest in the subject property may, within thirty days of the final publication of notice or receipt of notice, whichever is earlier, petition the court for a hearing without a jury to adjudicate the validity of his alleged interest in the subject property and for an amendment of the order of forfeiture, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(6) and Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c);

6. Any petition filed by a third party asserting an interest in the above-described property shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the subject property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title or interest in such property, and additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought;

7. After the disposition of any motion filed under Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(1)(A) and before a hearing on the petition, discovery may be conducted in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure upon a showing that such discovery is necessary or desirable to resolve factual issues;

8. The United States shall have clear title to the property following the court's determination of all third party interests, or, if no petitions are filed, following the expiration of the period provided in 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2) for the filing of third party petitions;

9. The court shall retain jurisdiction to resolve disputes which may arise and to enforce and amend this Order as necessary, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e);

10. The Clerk, U.S. District Court, shall provide one (1) certified copy of this Order to the United States Attorney's Office.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ R. Bryan Harwell

R. BRYAN HARWELL

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

April 11, 2013

Florence, South Carolina